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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:)	Confirmation: 1404
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Serial Number: 10/051,478)	Art Unit: 2112
Filing Date: 1/16/2002)	Examiner: Vu, Trisha U.
Title: CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR)	Docket No.: 10012290-1
EXPANDING A SERIAL BUS)	
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In regard to the Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due mailed on December 2, 2004, Applicant submits the following Comments. In particular, while Applicant concurs that the art of record does not show or suggest the elements of the claims recited in the Examiner's reasons for allowance, Applicant notes that the claims also recite other elements that are not shown or suggested in the art of record. Applicant asserts that the present claims are allowable for at least the reason that the art of record does not show or suggest all of the recited elements of the claims. Thus, Applicant asserts that each claim is allowable in view of the complete language recited therein, as well as equivalents. Applicants respectfully assert that the scope of each claim as allowed is to be determined from the actual claim language, including all equivalents.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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